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SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF SPANISH ON ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP MEETING

1. ON APRIL 12 UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON RECEIVED SPANISH EMBASSY DCM JOAQUIN CERVINO (IN PLACE OF AMBASSADOR SAGAZ, WHO WAS ILL) AND FIRST SECRETARY EMILIO BARCIA TO BRIEF THEM ON APRIL 3-4 MEETING OF ECG IN BRUSSELS. MR. DONALDSON POINTED OUT TO SPANISH REPS THAT IMPORTANT PART OF WORK FOLLOWING FROM WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE HAD BEEN PUT INTO OECD AND REMINDED THEM THAT AT USG SUGGESTION SPANISH CHAIRMAN OF ENERGY COMMITTEE HAD BEEN BROUGHT INTO WORK OF OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP. HE OUTLINED RESULTS OF ECG MEETING, EMPHASIZING USG CONCERN THAT GROUNDWORK
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CAREFULLY PREPARED IN ORDER AVOID ANY DANGER OF CON-
FRONTATION BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS.

2. SPANISH ASKED WHETHER RECENTLY ANNOUNCED U.S- AGREEMENT
WITH SAUDI ARABIA MEANT THAT USG HAD BECOME CONVERTED TO
FRENCH POSITION ON BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS. UNDER SECRETARY
REPLIED THAT U.S.-SAUDI ARABIAN CONTACTS HAD BEGUN WELL
BEFORE OCTOBER WAR AND WERE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO OIL.
NO RPT NO GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT DEAL ON OIL WAS
ENVISAGED. WE HOPED, NATURALLY, THAT IMPROVEMENT OF
RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA WOULD ENCOURAGE INCREASE IN

OIL PRODUCTION, WHICH WOULD BE OF BENEFIT TO ALL CONSUMER
COUNTRIES, NOT JUST THE U.S.

3. SPANISH ASKED WHETHER GOS COULD OBTAIN COPIES OF
TERMS OF REFERENCE OF VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS SET UP TO
DEAL WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ENERGY PROBLEM, INCLUDING
MONETARY ASPECT. MR. DONALDSON SAID HE WOULD LOOK
INTO THIS AND HAVE SOMEONE IN THE DEPARTMENT GET IN
TOUCH WITH THE SPANISH EMBASSY. RUSH

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